T. F. G. 1.

Leicester,
Jan. 15/71

Dear Frank G.

I am late in acknowledging yr. note of Dec. 26., but thank you for it, nevertheless, & for your judgment of the Mechanical Dictionary. I have a note from Crocker and Stickney in relation to it.

Your dear good father has written to me, — as you also did, — to say that he wished to give me Miss Martineau's biography, instead of the Crabb Robinson. It will be a most welcome gift, but my object in asking leave to exchange the latter for something else is quite defeated! I have now been the means of calling from him, I fear, a considerably more costly work; when I thought by exchanging to save him any further trouble & outlay! But it is a great pleasure & satisfaction to be remembered so kindly & faithfully by him & by all of you. It is delightful to hear of Fanny's constant correspondence.

I hope you have received the Crabb Rob.,

which I left last week at your Boston office, Congl building, addressed to yourself.

I am ordering a Bryant picture with my "Atlantic". I had the Longfellow last year - & gave it framed to our Pub. Library. I mean to do the same with the Bryant.

Yrs. very truly, S. Allen

Mr. J. T. Fields.